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THE Prayer-Writer's *If's* with relation to *God's regarding the Thoughts, Words, and Actions of man, their being pleaſing or diſpleaſing to him*, &c. He ſays, *are no implicit denials of natural Religion:* and I ſay they *are*; and have ſufficiently proved it in my former *Letter*; and now moreover appeal to the whole world for the truth of it: and that is anſwer ſufficient. —— What he adds, *Nor even of* Reveal'd, *as to the* Dogmata, *as numberleſs texts from the New Teſtament might be quoted to ſhew*, I cannot reply to; becauſe he does not tell us his meaning; and I cannot anſwer what I do not underſtand.

My calling this Prayer an *Atheiſtical* one, is not ſo *glaring an abſurdity*, as he repreſents it; nor *any* abſurdity. He might have been pleaſed to have obſerved (his not obſerving it, I do not call *a falſe Quotation*, tho' I juſtly might) that I ſtile it likewiſe a *Mock-Prayer*, and an *Anti-Prayer*. And tho' it be ſufficiently abſurd, for an Atheiſt to compoſe a real *pious* Prayer to God; yet for ſuch a one to be *profane* and *Atheiſtical* in the form of a *Mock-Prayer*, is no abſurdity at all.

Is a notion fit only to be propagated. So ends the paragraph: which is no ſenſe. I do not make the ſame baſe uſe of this miſtake, as the *Bee-Writers* did of mine in the *falſe Quotation*. No doubt, it was only a ſlip of the Writer's pen; or an error of the preſs; by which ſome words are left out.

He afterwards accuſes me of *falſe conſtruction* put upon the words *ſuch things*. And I anſwer, mine is not a *falſe conſtruction*; but his is a *falſe report*. My words are—*Such things*..... *I* SUPPOSE *he means the Attributes of God; particularly his punitive, or vindictive*, &c. I do not *ſay* he means ſo; but only that *I ſuppoſe* he means ſo; becauſe I cannot conceive what elſe he *can* mean. Or even if it were a direct *conſtruction*; here again I appeal to all who know any thing of theſe matters, whether they do not from their hearts believe that a wicked life, and the dread of divine vengeance hereafter, are the foundations of infidelity; and whether our infidel books for about theſe 30 years laſt paſt, be not continually harping upon that ſtring, the *denial of future puniſhments:* Will theſe men themſelves acknowledge thoſe puniſhments?—Our *Prompter* here quotes my words wrong. I did not ſay *diſtributive, and vindictive juſtice*; but *punitive, or vindictive juſtice*. DISTRIBUTIVE is far from being ſynonimous with *punitive*, or *vindictive:* for it implys rewarding as well as *puniſhing*. And yet here I do not accuſe this Writer of *falſe Quotation*.—But I do in what follows. He ſays, *the contrary* (viz. that by *ſuch things* are not meant the Attributes we are ſpeaking of) *appears from the invocation of the Divinity, and the Attributes aſcrib'd to him in the very firſt lines of the Prayer*. The words are theſe. *O thou firſt Mover, O cauſe of cauſes, O thou omnipotent, omniſcient, incomprehenſible Being, whom men call God.* Is here one word about *punitive, vindictive*, or even DISTRIBUTIVE juſtice? What is this but a groſs *falſe Quotation?* Unleſs our Author will refine upon us, by ſaying he did not here quote the words at all; tho' he refers to them, having cited them at length in this very Paper: and if he does ſo refine; I give no other anſwer, but that I leave the world to judge. —— *And from the explanation* (continues he) *of* ſuch things *by the* inventions of human pride; *which the moſt violent conſtruction in the world can never apply to God's Attributes*. I did not ſay it could; ſo as to make any ſenſe: and therefore ſuppoſing thoſe Attributes to be meant, or nothing, I only took the whole paſſage to be *nonſenſe*. My words are; *Why pride? Where's the pride of believing that God will puniſh (for there's the pinch of all)* &c. *Where's the pride of ſubmitting our own weak Reaſon*, &c? Why did they not at firſt tell us, or why have they not all this while told us, what *inventions of human Pride* they mean, as relating to GOD?—— *Such things as men report of* THEE —— *Becauſe moſt of thoſe things appear to me to be nothing elſe but the* INVENTIONS OF HUMAN PRIDE. Human pride may invent many things with relation to *men*; but how it can be flatter'd by inventions relating to *God*, I cannot imagine; unleſs they mean that Human Pride makes MAN to be *a Being of ſo great conſequence*, (to uſe our *Prompter*'s expreſſion) that GOD ſhould *regard his Thoughts, Words, and Actions*; and that CHRIST ſhould *die for him:* and if they do ſo mean; let them *ſpeak out*, and then we ſhall know what to ſay to them.

In the next paragraph he repeats what he had ſaid about the *ancient Philoſophers*, and *points of reveal'd Religion*. But I not loving tautology, (however he may) ſhall not, as I need not, repeat my anſwer. Yet one thing in this paragraph muſt be remark'd upon. 'He, 'we are told, *muſt be a very poor Philoſopher who makes* 'Faith *one branch of* Reaſon'. And why ſo, I pray? By *Reaſon*, in a wide ſenſe, is often meant the whole *human underſtanding*; including all its *aſſents:* of which *Faith*, whether human, or divine, is one; *Science* and *Opinion* being the other two. Thus it has been long ſtated by Philoſophers, as well as Divines. *Reaſon* indeed, meaning an aſſent upon principles of Reaſon, and upon evidence ariſing from the nature of the thing itſelf, is uſed in a narrower ſignification; and then it is contradiſtinguiſh'd to *Faith*, which proceeds wholly upon the authority of the teſtifyer. Not that even then Reaſon and Faith are always ſuch *Antipodes* as this Writer makes them. Sometimes a point is matter of Faith only; ſometimes, both of Faith, and Reaſon; tho' in different reſpects: the creation of the world by God, for inſtance: however, about this latter I aſſerted nothing: nor is it my buſineſs here to diſcuſs that common ſchool-queſtion, *An ſcientia poſſit ſtare cum fide divina?* Our *Prompter* may, if he pleaſes, ſee it very well done at the end of BARONIUS's *Metaphyſicks*, and in other books of that nature. I only obſerve, that his uſe of the word *conviction* is not very accurate. There is *conviction* by *Faith*, as well as by *Reaſon*.

'That this life (ſays he) *notwithſtanding the light of* 'the *Goſpel*, may be juſtly called a ſtate of *Doubts*, of 'Darkneſs, and of *Ignorance*, none but the VAINEST of 'the *ſpecies* will deny. Are not the moſt obvious things 'perplexed with doubts, and hid in darkneſs? Do we 'underſtand how the *parts of matter* ADHERE? &c. [COHERE, I ſhould have ſaid.] Was there ever any thing like this ſolemn impertinence? It is not the buſineſs of the Goſpel to teach us Natural Philoſophy, but moral and divine wiſdom; the Doctrines of Redemption, a future ſtate of rewards and puniſhments, faith in God, repentance, and a good life. Theſe laſt the Goſpel, and the Goſpel only, has ſufficiently *brought to light*. And what this man ſays about our ignorance and darkneſs as to the former, is the very thing we ſay, and continually urge againſt the Infidels; to ſhew the folly of denying *myſteries* in *Religion*, when all *Nature* is full of them. But did the pretended Philoſopher in his Prayer, ſpeak of Doubts, and Darkneſs, and Ignorance, about the *Coheſion of Matter, Spirit, and Subſtance, Time, Eternity, and Space?* [For theſe are the particulars which the *Prompter* mentions.] If he did; it is altogether impertinent, and abſurd: and the Prayer is even more nonſenſical than I took it to be. 'Tis plain he ſpeaks of Doubts and Darkneſs about our Actions, and our Duty; about what we are to do here, and what is like to become of us hereafter. Which is evidently to ſet aſide the Chriſtian Religion; by which all theſe Points are ſo clearly reveal'd. By the way, thoſe words of the *Prompter*. 'How *ſpi*-'*rit and ſubſtance conjoin*' are ſtrange ones. *Spirit and* BODY, if he pleaſes. For *ſpirit* is *ſubſtance:* tho' HOBS moſt ridiculouſly, and in the way of begging the queſtion, made *body* and *ſubſtance* all one. *Humble thyſelf, thou worm*, continues he. This is much more proper in *our* mouths, as apply'd to *them*, than in *theirs* as apply'd to *us*. Humble thyſelf indeed, thou *proud, infidel* worm; ſubmit thy ſhallow Reaſon to the obedience of Faith; and pretend no longer to be wiſer than the God who made thee.

In the laſt paragraph but one, we have theſe words. 'Socrates (tho' the Critic of our Philoſopher's Prayer 'aſſerts very ignorantly the *contrary*) in the Dialogue 'called the ſecond *Alcibiades*, or *Of Prayer*, recommends 'a form of prayer very like this'. Did I aſſert, that *Socrates* in the ſecond *Alcibiades*, did not recommend ſuch a Prayer? I ſaid indeed, that I was *confident* he did not uſe ſuch a Prayer as, &c. The plain import of which word (as every body muſt be ſenſible) was that *I knew not* he did, and *verily believed* he did *not*. The *Bee*-Writer quoted nothing out of the ſecond *Alcibiades*. And where had been the mighty *ignorance*, if I had not remember'd, nor even known, every thing that PLATO wrote? His works are very voluminous; and this weighty Author himſelf perhaps, learned as he is, has them not all by heart. Beſides; tho' SOCRATES (or rather PLATO, under his name) did recommend a Prayer which the *Prompter* ſpeaks of; yet it was no *ignorance* in me to ſay I was confident he did not uſe ſuch a one as that of this *modern Heathen* Philoſopher: from which that in *Alcibiades* is quite different. That God knows better what is fit for us, than we do ourſelves; and that we ſhould leave it entirely to him to diſpoſe of us, as to *the things of this world*; nobody of any thought, and religion, whether Heathen, or Chriſtian, ever doubted. And 'tis manifeſt SOCRATES ſpeaks of *ſuch things*, and of them only. But *our* Philoſopher ſpeaks *univerſally*, and *in general*; as if we were in utter darkneſs concerning good, and evil of *all kinds*. SOCRATES ſure, who was ſo excellent a moraliſt, aſſerted a future ſtate, and died a martyr for ſound Doctrine, had a notion of ſome other goods, and evils, beſides thoſe of this world, as of vertue, and vice, reward, and puniſhment, And we Chriſtians certainly know by Divine Revelation, that Faith, and Charity, and God's Grace, and the Kingdom of Heaven, are Good; and the contrary Evil; and ſo may, and ought to pray *abſolutely*, not *hypothetically* FOR the firſt, and AGAINST the laſt. That *God's will ſhould be done*, and that *he ſhould diſpoſe of us, as he pleaſes*, I know nobody that denies: and therefore our Author need not have proved it from our Saviour's words; and from the Lord's Prayer. Concerning two Petitions, of which laſt he talks ſtrangely: but as 'tis nothing to our purpoſe, (whether right, or wrong) and I am quite tired with this Stuff; I leave it to the Reader.

Were I ſo *critical* as he repreſents me; I might obſerve that in the Prayer quoted from SOCRATES, *Great Gods* is not an exact tranſlation of Ζεῦ Βασιλεῦ in the Greek, nor even of *Jupiter Rex* in the Latin on the ſide. But I paſs theſe trifles.

He concludes moſt triumphantly. 'In ſhort, the 'whole Criticiſm is ſo *abſurd*, ſo *unjuſt*; ſhews ſuch a 'ſpirit of *pique*, and is ſo *omnimodo* [that *Latin* word is 'exceeding elegant, and emphatical] *void of underſtand*-'*ing*; that the Writer of it, whoever he be, muſt be 'the moſt *ignorant*, and *prejudic*'d creature living'. I anſwer, with great phlegm; I do not know but that character may belong to one of us: but whether it belongs to me, or him, let the world judge.

As to what the *Bee-Writers* throw out in other Papers, about our *low ſcurrilities, perſonal reflections*, it being *beneath them* to anſwer, &c. our being to be CHASTISED by them, &c. as if they were the GREAT MEN, the extraordinary Genius's of the nation; we Chriſtians, only a parcel of paltry, ignorant, illiterate *Diſſenters* from them; I *take notice* of it, and that is anſwer enough. The POWERFUL ENEMYS * which may be *rais'd againſt them*, I know nothing of. I do not perceive they are in much danger from ACTS of POWER. But this I ſay, that (if what travellers tell us be true) the *Great Turk* would not ſuffer JESUS CHRIST and his Religion to be inſulted in any part of his *Mahometan* dominions; as they are every day in this *Chriſtian Country* of *Great Britain*: to the immortal honour, no doubt, of the nation and age we live in.

I am, Sir, your humble, &c.

* *Poſt-boy, Sept.* 16.

Medio tutiſſimus ibis.

1.

In Poetry the happy mean,
My friend, I'd have you chuſe:
'Tis ſafe at leaſt to be between
The high and creeping Muſe.

2.

If high, or low, you'll ſure be hit,
If either POPE, or COLLEY:
The envious always ſhoot at Wit;
And all the world, at Folly.

ERRATA.

In our laſt, Pag. 1. *Col.* 2. *L.* 32. *read* 1ſt that in. *Col.* 3. *L.* 27. *read* in Tully. *Pag.* 3. *Col.* 2. *L.* 7. *Dele* the.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

Hyp Oratorial Advertiſements and Puffs in October. —— Hyp-advertiſements 5. Oratorial ditto 10. In all 15 —— Hyp-puffs 2. Oratorial ditto 12. In all 14. ——— Increaſed in the advertiſements 3. In the Puffs. 6.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 13. Yeſterday a repreſentation of the diſorders occaſioned by the abundance of brandy-ſhops, was made to his majeſty, and we hear that meaſures will be taken to prevent this growing evil. *P.*

On monday the Counteſs dowager of Peterborough arriv'd at Southampton from Lisbon. *DP.*

On the feſtival of S. Simon and Jude, 10 children (whoſe father Joſeph Earle, lately deceaſed, was an Anabaptiſt) were at the deſire of the 5 eldeſt, of riper years, after due examination, publickly baptized in the pariſh church of Melkſham, Wilts. *DA. LP.*

On tueſday night a fire broke out at Mr. Hills, a broom merchant, in Kent-ſtreet, which conſum'd his houſe and damaged ſome others. *DP.* —— *DP.* —— Conſum'd a ſtock of materials for making brooms to the value of 200 l. *DA.* ——— The houſe was ſet on fire by ſome rogues who attempted to break it open the night before, but were prevented. *LP.*

Married on monday Mr. Tho. Sieene, an eminent Spaniſh trader, to Miſs Eliz. Lowe of Southwark. *P.* —— Tho. Carpenter of Gatton in Surry, Eſq; to Miſs Elton, a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 8000 l. *G.*

Died on wedneſday, the wife of Mr. Brown, beadle of S. John's pariſh Weſtminſter, having dropp'd down dead in the ſtreet. *DJ.*

On ſunday Mr. James Webſter, formerly a lieutenant, &c. and now [being dead] a great dealer in cattle, was found dead in his garden, 3 miles from Mitcham, with ſeveral wounds in his body. ——— On monday a young woman about 18 fell from a window two ſtories high, in Waterman's Alley Tooley-ſtreet, and was killed: ſhe was married but the day before. *P.*

Yeſterday one Anna Maria Thorn was committed to Newgate, for ſtarving to death Anna Maria, her daughter; the coroner's Jury having brought in their verdict *Wilful murder.* DP.

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 14. The Earl of Peterborough, before he went to Lisbon, was pleas'd to ſettle 1500 l. per ann. on the right hon. Anaſtaſia, his now Counteſs dowager. *P. G.* ——— His fine ſeat at Parſon's-green, has been fitting up for ſome time for the reception of Col. Mordaunt and his lady the Counteſs Dowager of Pembroke. *DP.*

The hon Mr. Aſhburnham, a youth of about 12 years of age, nephew to the right hon. the Earl of Aſhburnham, is appointed a page of honour to his majeſty, in the room of Mr. d' Arcy, deceas'd. *P. DP. DJ. DA. G.* —— The Lords of the Treaſury have appointed Mr. Collins to be a riding officer in the Cuſtoms on the coaſt of Suſſex. *DJ.*

The Counteſs of Coventry, who has been dangerouſly ill for upwards of two years, is now perfectly recover'd: her Ladyſhip came to town about five or ſix weeks ago, for the aſſiſtance of Dr. Ward, whoſe Pill ſhe made uſe of. ——— *The late* Lord *and* Lady Lanſdown, *who, as I am informed,* made uſe of *the ſame* aſſiſtance, *before they went* out of, *are not yet come back* to, Town.

At a court at Bridewell yeſterday, Mr. John Surman, citizen and weaver, was unanimouſly elected an Artsmaſter. *P. DP. DA.*

The late Counteſs dowager of Winchelſea having a particular room at her houſe in Bolton-ſtreet, which ſhe never would ſuffer any perſon to go into beſides herſelf, we hear a great quantity of jewels, fine linnen, brocades, velvets, ſilks, and other very valuable goods, have been found there ſince her death. *DP.*

On wedneſday at the court of King's-bench, in the great cauſe relating to the corporation of Orford in Suffolk; the ſpecial jury, conſiſting of the principal gentlemen of the county, found the 1ſt iſſue for the corporation, and three other iſſues for the King. *LP.* —— Yeſterday the ſame court committed, for a contempt, the plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, in a fictitious action brought with a view of having the court's opinion, touching the validity of the defendant's marriage. *DJ.*

Married a few days ago at the Fleet, a young gentleman of fortune under age, to a young gentlewoman *of great beauty and merit:* and on ſaturday the lady and her 2 ſiſters were committed to that priſon, by an order of the high court of Chancery, for drawing the young fellow into the marriage, he being a ward of the ſaid court. *DA* —— Mr. Conundrum *obſerves that this* High court *has juſtly put them all* in ward.

Died a few days ago in Suffolk-place near S. George's fields, aged 108, Mr. Tho. Dean, of Town Malden in Kent: he never made uſe of ſpectacles, but could read the ſmalleſt print within half a year of his death. *DA.* —— Laſt week, in Leiceſterſhire, —— Bracebridge, Eſq; a gentleman of above 1000 l. per ann. *P.* —— Laſt tueſday at Cannons in Middleſex, Pet. Ball, Eſq; ——— Yeſterday at Chelſea, Mr. Jac. Robinſon, formerly a noted Virginia merchant. *G.*

On wedneſday night a man well dreſs'd threw himſelf from the draw-bridge into the Thames and was drown'd. *DP.*

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 15. The right hon. the Lords commiſſioners of the Admiralty have order'd the Windſor and Rippon, of 60 guns; the Centurion and Preſton, of 50; the Roebuck, of 40; and the Princeſs Louiſa, of 30, to ſail to Lisbon, and join Sir John Norris's ſquadron: 'tis ſaid the fleet will winter at Lisbon, and that a ſquadron of ſmall ſhips will cruize in the channel. *G.*

Yeſterday Mr. John Malton was appointed by the Lords of the Admiralty, mathematical maſter of the Royal Academy at Portſmouth: and Mr. Pet. Hemry, French maſter. *DP.*

Died on thurſday Mr. Sears, an eminent wholeſale leatherſeller in Cannon-ſtreet, worth 10,000 l. *DA.* —— Yeſterday in Greet Ruſſel-ſtreet, Bloomsbury-ſquare, the Lady of Sir John Eyes, Bar. *DP. LP. G.* —— Of an apoplectic fit, of which ſhe was ſeiz'd the day before. *DA.*

Yeſterday ſe'nnight a ſervant to Mr. Heveſide, a ſugar-baker in Thames-ſtreet, fell from the platform of the ſugar-houſe, upon 2 boats lying upon floats, ſtaved the boats, and maſhed himſelf to pieces. *DP.*

On thurſday the body of a woman aged about 22 years of age, was found naked in the fields near Shadwell, and had ſeveral wounds on her body: [the body had ſeveral wounds on her body] ſhe was known to be Mr. Corbey's wife, a midſhip-man's, &c. *P.*

MONDAY, *Nov.* 17. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Chamberlain preach'd before their majeſties, his royal highneſs the Prince, &c. ——— And the rev. Mr. Trevor before his highneſs the Duke, &c. *P.* ——— Dr. Trevor before their majeſties, &c. *DJ. DA. G.* —— And Dr. Chamberlain before the Duke, &c. *DA. G.*

On ſaturday Col. Mordaunt preſented his majeſty with the Earl of Peterborough's garter, which we hear will be kept in *petto.* —— It is ſaid that the Earl did in his life-time preſent Mr. Pope with ſeveral curious manuſcripts of his Lordſhip's tranſactions. *LP.* —— *Which* Mr. Curle *may perhaps ſoon publiſh.*

Yeſterday morning his highneſs the Prince of Modena ſet out with a great retinue for Dover, in order to embark for Calais. *P. DP. DJ. DA. G.* —— His highneſs hath hired four Engliſh ſervants. *LP.*

Yeſterday was preached at S. Katherine's Cree church an annual ſermon, the gift of Sir John Gager, Lord Mayor in 1646, in commemoration of his happy deliverance from a lion, which he met in a deſart, in the Turkiſh dominions, which ſuffered him to paſs unmoleſted: the miniſter has 20 s. for the ſermon, the clerk 2 s. 6 d. the ſexton 1 s. and 8 l. 16 s. 6 d. is diſtributed among the neceſſitous inhabitants. *DP.*

Married on ſaturday, Char. Townſhend, Eſq; to Miſs Snablin, a young lady of fine accompliſhments, and a fortune of 5000 l. *P.*

Died on ſaturday at Chiſwick, John Hungate, Eſq; of Heytsbury in Wilts, a young gentleman with an eſtate of 1400 l. per ann. *G.*

TUESDAY, *Nov* 18. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. the Lord Strichen to be one of the Lords commiſſioners of the courts of Juſticiary in North Britain. *DA.* —— Mr. Geo. Wooly is appointed collector of the cuſtoms at the port of Cardigan, in the room of Rice Gwynn, Eſq; who is remov'd. *LP.*

Yeſterday being the anniverſary of the deliverance of Queen Elizabeth from the Tower, &c. the ſame was obſerv'd with great demonſtrations of joy, &c. *P.*

A beautiful plan of a market is drawing, in order to be preſented to the court of aldermen for their approbation, to make a Green market at Fleet-ditch. *P.*

Yeſterday the lady of the right hon. the Lord Weymouth was ſafely delivered of a ſon, at his Lordſhip's houſe in Groſvenor-ſquare. *DP. DJ LP.*

It was yeſterday currently reported, that a certain gameſter, who thought proper lately to retire into France for the benefit of the air, hanged himſelf in that kingdom. *P.* ——— Mr. Colnet is in good health at Paris, and it is talked here that he intends to return ſoon to England. *LP.*

Married, on ſaturday, John Kyrwood, of Letton-court in Hereſordſhire, Eſq; to Mrs. Walpole, relict of Guilfridus Walpole, Eſq; *DA.* ——— On ſunday James Gray of Hampton, Eſq; to Miſs Jane Ellis, a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 16,000 l. *DP.* —— Yeſterday the right rev. Dr. Cecil, biſhop of Bangor, to Miſs Lumley, a young gentlewoman of fine accompliſhments and a plentiful fortune. *DP. DJ. DA. LP.*

Died laſt week ſuddenly the rev. Mr. Barnes, rector of Coleby in Norfolk. *LP.* —— On ſunday in Bond-ſtreet, Mrs. Curtis, relict of John Curtis, Eſq; worth 8000 l. *DJ.*

We hear from Timsbury, near Briſtol, that laſt friday 4 men and a boy were drowned in a coal mine, by a ſudden burſting out of a large torrent of water, which has alſo drowned the whole work. *DP. DA. LP.*

On wedneſday a block-maker at Shadwell beat his wife in ſuch a manner, that ſhe lingred till friday morning and then died: ſhe was big with child: the man made his eſcape. *LP.*

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 19. We hear that the marriage of his royal highneſs the Prince of Wales, with the Princeſs of Saxe Gotha, will be ſolemnized March the 1ſt, being her majeſty's birth-day. *P. DJ. LP.*

His majeſty was pleaſed on monday to declare to the right hon. the Lords commiſſioners of the Admiralty, that there was no occaſion this year to reinforce Sir John Norris's ſquadron at Lisbon. *P.*

Yeſterday his Excellency mynheer Hop, the Dutch ambaſſador, who came to England the night before, waited on his majeſty, &c. and met with a moſt gracious reception. *P. DP. DJ.*

Dr. Edw. Simpſon is elected maſter of Trinity-hall at Cambridge, in the room of Sir Nath. Lloyd, who hath reſign'd. *DP. DA.*

The right hon. the Lord mayor, having given ſtrict orders to the City-marſhal to examine the butchers ſtalls, to prevent their ſelling unwholeſome, ſtinking meat, he ſeiz'd on ſaturday in Golden-lane a horſe-load of beef and mutton, which being carried before his Lordſhip, was condemn'd to be burnt in the publick ſtreets. *DP.*

Married the latter end of laſt week ——— Gough, Eſq; to miſs Cox, of Covent-garden, a beautiful young lady with a fortune of 25,000 l. ——— Laſt monday Phil. Rogers of Totting in Surry, Eſq; to miſs Jackſon, a fortune of 8000 l. *DP.*

Died, on monday near Southampton-row, George Cotterel, Eſq; he was to have been married the latter end of this month to miſs Vernon. *P.*—A lady with 10,000 l. fortune. *DP. DJ.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

MR. BAVIUS deſired leave to read the following *Latin Epigram* in *The Prompter* No cv. with a *Tranſlation* and *Remarks.*

In Effigiem DOCTISSIMI BAVII, *ædi ſuæ, in Viâ,* Grubſtreet, *dictâ, loco Pegaſi, præponendam.*

Pollebam Juvenis, STUDIO SINE DIVITE VENA,
Cum Pater, incertus, CLERUM, *faceretne,* POETAM,
Mallebat CLERUM. CLERUS——*Nolente Minervâ*
VERSICULOS *facio, atque* HEBDOMADALIA *pango.*

On the picture OF THE MOST LEARNED BAVIUS, to be ſet before his houſe, in the Street, called, *Grubſtreet,* inſtead of the Pegaſus.

IN STUDY, I young man, WITHOUT RICH VEIN
Was ſtrong, when my uncertain Sire [in pain]
Whether THE CLERGY, he ſhould make, or POET,
THE CLERGY rather choſe: [he thought I'd no wit.]
The CLERGY I—[tho' much] *unwilling Pallas,*
Make VERSES, and write WEEKLY JOURNALS, [alaſs!]

The manner of printing this *Epigram* being very curious, it is exactly obſerved, and followed in the Tranſlation: which is conformed to the air of the Original, as much as was conſiſtent with rime.

Præponendam ædi ſuæ ſeems but oddly to expreſs our manner of hanging up ſigns before houſes.

VER. 1. *Pollebam ſtudio* as elegant as *pollebam conamine.*

VER. 2. 3. CLERUM twice, and CLERUS, in capitals, *The Clergy,* inſtead of CLERICUM and CLERICUS, *A Clergy-man.* PHILELEUTHERUS LIPSIENSIS's obſervation concerning the *puerile ignorance* of the Author of the *Diſcourſe of Free thinking* in tranſlating *Haruſpex Prieſt,* and making CICERO *Chief Prieſt,* may juſtly be applied to this Philoſophic Poet, 'That he never meddles with 'the word *Prieſt* [or *Clergy-man*] but nonſenſe is his ex- 'piation for it: it ſticks to him like *Hercules*'s ſhirt; and 'will laſt him, like that, to his funeral'.

VER. 3. *Mallebat,* I ſuppoſe for *malebat,* for fear that *ma* ſhould be ſhort.

Nolente Minerva, to varie the proverbial expreſſion, *inviṫ Minervâ*, which ſeemed too vulgar.

VER. 4. *Hebdomadalia*, by Poetic Licence, for *Hebdomadalia*; two falſe quantities in one word. But it is poſſible, that our Epigrammatiſt, in imitation of ſome of the greateſt Poets, made uſe of the *Hiatus* in *facio atque*. To obviate which plea, put into his mouth by myſelf, I muſt obſerve, 1. That this is a liberty never taken but in long poems, and when there is ſome very particular reaſon for it; ſo that if he intended to uſe it in an *Epigram* of four lines, he had not the leaſt authority for ſo doing. 2. That from the ſcraps of HORACE here interlarded, and the treble blunder in the word CLERUS, it is highly probable, that the author was one of the *Tindale-Budgellian* Poets; and conſequently knew no more the quantities of the ſyllable in HEBDOMADALIA, than he did in *efflagitans*, *præficat*, &c.

This Number of the *Prompter* is ſigned P. the ſame letter which is ſubſcribed to the Numbers, written in defence of the *Philoſopher's Prayer*, and denotes, no doubt, the ſame author; who is likewiſe, in all probability, the author of the *Epigram*. But whether he be or not, he may juſtly be ſuppoſed to have much the ſame ſtock of learning; otherwiſe he would not have publiſhed ſuch an *Epigram* in order to expoſe his adverſary. An illuſtrious inſtance of his fitneſs for the office he has undertaken, to *prompt* the world in general, the Clergy in particular, and the latter both in Engliſh and Latin; when he does not ſo much as know what is Latin, either for the *Clergy*, or a *Clergy-man*.

BAVIUS.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Nov*, 13. On the 1ſt one Madam Maucomble, a widow, died at the caſtle of Epone, near Alencon, aged 111: ſhe has left a brother aged 108, who writes aud reads without ſpectacles. *DP. DJ. LP. G.* —— An old maid, aged 112. *DA.*

Yeſterday arrived an expreſs, with the important news, that his Catholick majeſty entirely refuſes to ratify the Preliminary articles agreed to on the part of the Emperor and France. ——— The King of Sardinia is diſpos'd to ratify them. *DA.*

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 14. ——— *Hague*, *Nov* 18. Ten different ſetts of Articles are handed about here, all, we are aſſured, to have been ſigned at Vienna. *P.*

Paris, *Nov.* 19. M. de S. Prix, the Queen's maitre d' Hotel, going out of his lodgings the 13th at night, his firſt laquais carried off the baton of his office, a ſilver hilted ſword, and a little box wherein were 1640 louis d'ors: a woman at Verſailles diſcovered the receiver of the goods the next day, and he was arreſted; and on the 15th they found the thief buried in the great Avenue at the end of the Dog-kennel: he had a rope about his neck, and 3 ſtabs of a poinard thro' his heart. *DJ.*

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 15. We have an account from Liſbon, that the Earl of Peterborough's death was occaſion'd by eating the grapes and drinking the water of that country, which were unwholſome at that time, by reaſon of the extraordinary rains, which threw him into a bloody flux, ſo that he died in 3 days. *DP.* ——He ſaw ſome of the fineſt Portugal grapes lying at a ſtall, on his way from Liſbon to his country houſe. *DA.*

Letters from Warſaw ſaw, that the Dyet is entirely broke up, without coming to any reſolution in the choice of a Marſhal. *LP. G.*

MONDAY, *Nov.* 17. They write from Madrid, that their Catholick majeſties were at a repaſt when the news arrived of the Preliminaries being ſign'd, and that the Queen having a large goblet of wine in her hand, was ſo thunder-ſtruck, that ſhe let it fall unfortunately upon the King's toes, who immediately roſe from table, and was obſerv'd to withdraw extreme lamely. *DA.*

Paris, *Nov.* 23. One of the general officers having asked the Cardinal de Fleury, whether he may [might] diſpoſe of his field equipage, had a negative for anſwer. *P. DJ.* ——— He very briskly anſwer'd, 'No: tho' 'they may not be neceſſary againſt the Germans, there 'may perhaps be employment for them againſt ſome o-'ther nation'. *DP.*

'Tis ſaid, that the King asking one of the Princes of the blood how it happen'd, that his army when united, was not able to beat Seckendorff's detachment, when Belliſle's army alone was equal in number to them: the Prince anſwer'd, 'Sir, M. de Belliſle had beaten the 'Germans, if M. de Coigny had not come to his 'ſuccour'. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 18. Letters from Berlin mention, that his Pruſſian majeſty had declar'd his reſolution to augment his army with 25,000 men, which ſeemed a little ſurpriſing, as the notion of peace was ſo general *DA. P. DP.*

Letters from Rome ſay, that it will be a difficult matter to prove the conſpiracy lately diſcover'd againſt Don Carlos; that greateſt part of the letters taken are in cypher, which they can't yet explain, (*for want, we preſume, of ſuch able blades as thoſe who decypher'd the B—— of R——'s letters*) and therefore the proofs are not ſufficient to bring the priſoners to a trial. *DP.*

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